

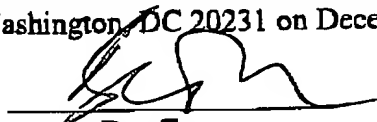
TO: EXAMINER ANTHONY DINKINS

FROM: BAO TRAN

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RE: 09/973,621 RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND
COMMENT ON DRAWINGS

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In re application of:

Schmidt

Application No.: 09/973,621

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT**

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28 Assistant Commissioner for Patents
29 Washington, D.C. 20231

30 Sirs:

31 Applicants elect with traverse Group I, claims 1-6. Applicant hereby petitions for a three
32 month extension of time. Please charge fee of \$460 to Deposit Account 501861.33 Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are in condition for allowance. If for any
34 reason the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would in any way expedite prosecution
35 of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

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Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a)

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